



## PROCLAMATION

### **A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse Prevention Month began in 1983 as part of a Presidential proclamation to raise awareness of the alarming rate at which children were being abused and neglected; and

**WHEREAS**, this month of awareness has since become an annual event reaffirmed by each succeeding President; and

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect causes psychological, emotional, and physical harm which can create lifelong problems for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, families, and communities can help reduce child abuse and neglect by recognizing that prevention starts with each of us; and

**WHEREAS**, Juliette's House Child Abuse Assessment Center has encouraged partner agencies and concerned citizens throughout Yamhill county to display pinwheels, a happy symbol of childhood, during the month of April as part of the "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign to create awareness of the need to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED** by Mayor Bob Andrews and the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, that every year henceforth the month of April as National Child Abuse Month and urge the citizens of Newberg to work together to eliminate child abuse and neglect from our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Newberg to be affixed on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2012.

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Bob Andrews, Mayor